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DOWN THE COMMUNIST ROAD

Known members of the Communist Party in this country are, for the most part, a dull, relatively small lot of misfits and deviates. Most of them are ignorant. Few of them are capable of original thought. Their heads are filled not with ideas and ideals but with hatred and the doctrinaire slogans of marxism. They call themselves *progressives*, but are the most reactionary of reactionaries, working for a dictatorship worse than that of Genghis Khan in the 13th Century. They call communism a peoples' movement, when it is, in fact, an international criminal conspiracy controlled by a powerful and ruthless few whose goal is to manipulate and enslave all people.

Most *known* American communists would not even be capable of running a small business successfully, much less of destroying the greatest nation on earth. Yet, the communist plan to overthrow the government of the United States by force and violence is rushing toward completion. The plan was conceived in the Kremlin and launched in the United States by Kremlin agents. Leftwingers took over from there, pushing the communist program and financing it, largely with money confiscated from taxpayers.

The Communist Party itself performs 4 principal roles: (1) as a decoy; (2) as a transmission belt for Kremlin orders; (3) as a recruiting agency for Soviet espionage; (4) as an organizer of fronts.

DECOY: The Communist Party draws the fire of public indignation and of investigating agencies, thus leaving the real work of communism to be carried on, unnoticed and undisturbed, by the dupes, secret agents, and others not known as communists.

The most spectacular instance of the party performing its role as decoy was in the Smith Act trial of 10 communist leaders in 1950. After the public had been mollified because government had at last "cracked down" on communists and sent some of their top officials to jail, liberals on the Warren Court saw to it that the convicted communists were released and that the law which sent them to jail was rendered useless.

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TRANSMISSION BELT: When Moscow orders a particular attack on American public opinion, the Communist Party transmits the orders by announcing a new set of objectives. The party accomplishes nothing by open agitation in the communist press — until the "respectable" liberal press promotes the same objectives: in more refined tones and, frequently, in a vein that, superficially, sounds anti-communist.

Louis Budenz, former Communist Party official, has testified that approximately 1500 communist sympathizers are strategically placed in positions with newspapers, magazines, and wire-services to do the job of planting the communist line. It is astonishing to watch the system work. During the McCarthy period (1950-1954), the official communist press, in raucous tones, would open a new line of attack on Senator Joseph McCarthy. Within a few weeks, the same line, more urbanely (and sometimes more temperately) expressed, would show up in such publications as *The New York Times*, *The Denver Post*, *The Louisville Courier Journal*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *The St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, *Life*, *Time*, *Look*, *McCall's*.

RECRUITING AGENCY: The Communist Party recruits — for espionage and other secret, illegal work — people whose dedication to liberalism has drawn them into fronts and has made them easy conquests for communism: people like Alger Hiss, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, Hal Ware, Harry Dexter White, to name only a few who have been exposed.

ORGANIZER OF FRONTS: Communist fronts generally have appealing names, like "Emergency Civil Liberties Committee," "Southern Conference Educational Fund," "Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born." Usually, just enough communists join to keep the front following the Kremlin line. Most of the titular officials are liberals, many of whom think they are supporting good causes. If enough communists join the front to stigmatize it as a communist organization or to get it officially cited as a communist front, it loses effectiveness as a legislative lobby and formulator of public opinion.

The most effective communist organizations are the secondary, or collateral, fronts which have no *known* communists in them and which, therefore, are never investigated by the FBI or congressional committees. They are supported and financed by community leaders who are regarded as, and generally consider themselves, anti-communist. From time to time, these secondary fronts even veer away from the communist line on minor issues. There are hundreds of such fronts, and they do the real work of the Communist Party by consistently supporting the communist line on major issues. Their work is hard to combat. The public is disposed to respect them because of their known officials and members. If anyone calls them communistic, he can be ruined by ridicule, if not by lawsuits, because the fronts have infinitely more access to the means of communication and to money for legal fights than all of their critics put together.

Some liberals who support communism are able, sinister people. They know what they are doing. They are *de facto* communists—conscious adherents of communism who never join known communist organizations, lest their true colors be discovered and revealed. They conceal and deny their communism, to protect their effectiveness as activists for communism.

The mass of liberals who support communism, however, are unwitting, or witless, dupes. Since Roosevelt launched the New Deal in 1933 (with a collection of communists, and liberals who talked and acted like communists), the language and objectives of liberalism have been so like those of communism that careless or poorly-informed people cannot tell the difference. Hence, it is easy for a few communists or *de facto* communists to manipulate an organization involving thousands of non-communists and, thus, to influence literally millions who are not only non-communists but think they are anti-communists.

Dedication and discipline give communists an advantage.

Most Americans—though generous as contributors to charity and more willing than any other people on earth to make sacrifices for the benefit

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of others—are essentially self-centered. Their primary concern is with the job of providing for themselves and families. The "causes" which they support — religious, political, social, civic, educational—are generally of secondary importance in their lives. Moreover, most Americans, by instinct and training, are tolerant of ideas contrary to their own. It is the American way to acknowledge that every issue has more than one side, and to give all sides a fair hearing.

Conversely, communists are zealots. Those who do the party's work from behind the scenes, as well as the shabby little people who staff the official apparatus of the party, are untiring and unflagging in their work for the communist cause. They are inflexible doctrinaires, viciously intolerant of any viewpoint different from the Kremlin line.

In some cases, discipline—enforced by the threat of violence or blackmail — accounts for the communists' rigid conformity and hard work. In others, it is mindless fanaticism. Whatever the reason, the average communist works much harder for the destruction of America than patriots work for its preservation.

Elected politicians have done a great deal for communism in the United States.

Most people have always been dissatisfied with their economic and social status. When self-reliant individualism was the prevailing characteristic of Americans, and constitutional government was in effect, personal dissatisfaction was an effective spur to progress and achievement. No one thought of blaming government for his personal problems, because, indeed, government was not to blame: it left people alone to manage their own affairs. No one thought of asking government to improve his lot, because government had no authority to plunder some for the benefit of others.

Socialism holds that the capitalistic free-enterprise economic system is the cause of all undesirable conditions; that individuals are not accountable for their own conduct and affairs; that it is the responsibility of government to regulate, manage, and look after everyone. Hence, after liberalism and communism had infected the nation with the virus of socialism, personal dissatisfaction became, for many, not a spur to individual effort but a reason for angry demands upon others for special benefits.

Communists appealed to the greed of the shiftless and unprincipled, promising them something for nothing. They made an additional, special appeal to Negroes, promising action to improve the lot of the Negro race.

Communists won little direct following with their promises; but when Democrats and Republicans stole the same strategy and platform (for the expedient purpose of buying votes), an old and proven political tactic was adapted for the United States: incite the dissatisfied to more dissatisfaction by blaming their woes on others; promise to uplift them by spending money taken from someone else, or from the central treasury which, presumably, has an endless, self-replenishing supply. This has been the program of both major political parties for a full generation — each party trying to outdo the other in pillaging the public treasury.

Modern liberalism is as regressive as communism; and the programs of liberal politicians are taking us down the communist road: government spending that leads to national bankruptcy; social turmoil that leads to anarchy — the end being a socialist dictatorship with government controlling and managing everything.

The Warren Court has been an instrumentality of major importance in effecting the communist plan for America. In the *Brown vs. School Board* decision of 1954, the Warren Court established the doctrine that the Court can do anything it pleases. Since then, it has pleased the Court to handcuff law enforcement in its struggle against general crime, and to strike down federal and state laws with which the nation had sought to protect itself against communism.

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Now, the Negro NAACP attorney who was primarily responsible for lobbying the 1954 decision through the Warren Court — Thurgood Marshall — is a member of the Court.

To woo the support of powerful and influential liberals, and to garner the votes of organized Negro groups in big northern cities, President Eisenhower and Congress gave the communist-inspired civil rights movement enormous assistance with the Civil Rights Acts of 1957 and 1960. President Kennedy tried to help it with the Civil Rights Act of 1963, but failed. President Johnson resubmitted the rejected Kennedy bill as the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and both Houses of Congress passed it by large majorities.

Martin Luther King (closely associated with communists) demanded one more measure: the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which appears to have been prepared by the legal staff of the Communist Party.[1] Johnson promised the bill to King, and called an extraordinary joint session to tell Congress and the nation that the bill must be passed. A refrain of the President's speech was *We Shall Overcome*, the title of a civil-rights song written by Pete Seeger, an identified communist.[2]

At the time, Martin Luther King was in Alabama, leading a loathsome assortment of characters in demonstrations against law and order. King's Alabama operations, culminating in the Selma-to-Montgomery march, were so reported by the liberal press and tv networks that they achieved King's purpose of conditioning public opinion outside the South to accept the Voting Rights Act of 1965 as necessary to protect Negroes.

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 is, as the late Senator Harry F. Byrd said, "subversive of the Constitution of the United States and the whole system under which we are governed."[3]

This law created a pseudo-legal means of accomplishing the old communist objective of establishing one or more Negro soviets inside the United States. Details on this operation will be given later.

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Next year may be the most fateful political year in the history of the United States. We desperately need to elect to Congress and to the presidency men who will uphold their oath of office to preserve and defend the Constitution. We have not the slightest chance of doing that unless the voting public understands how present incumbents in high political office have committed perjury by perverting the Constitution.

Accomplishing this job of public education is difficult because there are few publications which discuss major issues factually, from the viewpoint of constitutional conservatism. *The Dan Smoot Report* is one of the few.

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